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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Peter SCHUBERT et al. :

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For: **PROCESSES AND AGENTS FOR DETECTING LISTERIAS**

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(M) (Please insert after the title) -- This application is a divisional of Ser. No. 08/456,670, filed June 1, 1995, now USP 5,932,415, which is a divisional of Ser. No. 08/412,227, filed March 27, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation of 08/075,248, filed June 11, 1993, now abandoned. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy is attached hereto):

C 21 ~~July 21~~ 42. (Amended) An isolated antibody which specifically binds to the p60 protein from pathogenic listeria, wherein said antibody binds an epitope from the peptide, SEQ ID NO: 17, 20, 26, 29, 30 or 31.

Please add the following new claims: